

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 4TH July, 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllrs Peter Bennett (chair) Jackie Crawford (vice chair), David Hatton, David Jordan, Roger Paul, Duncan Vincent. Stephen Belli (part of time)
Clerk in attendance: Julie Macey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Julian Edwards

Stephen Belli, Director of Planning, DNPA introduced himself and gave a brief background to his career and his aspirations in respect of his new role since September last year. He explained the 30% cut in the DNPA budget, the two new planning teams under Chris Hart and James Aven and how councillors should be able to be better informed in relation to planning applications in the future by accessing information posted on the relevant pages on the DNPA website. He discussed at some length the draft planning policy document which forms part of the Local Development Framework and confirmed the consultation event in South Zeal and Chagford on 13th July. The parish would shortly receive their draft copy of the document and it was agreed that this would be circulated amongst the councillors so that comments could be made by the 23rd September deadline. He reminded councillors of the planning workshop on 14th July and answered questions on various planning matters in the Parish that had been raised.

MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS: Vehicles parked on side of road leading to the Church. Bus unable to come through centre of Throwleigh. Bus company confirmed that this is as a result of vehicles not parked close to the kerb and protruding hedge on other side of the road when not trimmed back. Whilst various suggestions as to how this could be overcome were put forward, it was agreed that the clerk should write to Highways and ask them to put forward recommendations.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: These have been previously circulated and were signed by the Chair as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: None, other than those items included under the various headings below.

PLANNING:

Listed Building and Planning applications for works to Mount Pleasant, Murchington. Granted Erection of two storey rear extension and replacement roof to store, 1 West Withecombe, Chagford. Granted.

Proposed tree works, Quince Tree Cottage, Throwleigh. Confirmation from DNPA that the authority has not protected trees with TPO.

Consultation on proposed study area, Gidleigh Park Hotel. Confirmation forwarded to DNPA that Parish support the application with conditions in respect of construction traffic to approach from Sticklepath junction with entry close to Gidleigh Village or through Chagford and front entrance gates rather than via Blackaton Valley. It was pointed out that in the event of the first option, it would need to be agreed with the landowners.

Concerns raised by parishioners in respect of traffic and noise with regard to wedding parties held at Monks Withecombe. The DNPA are investigating and will take enforcement action if relevant.

Update from planning officer on gate posts and replacement roof on barn at Wonson Manor, Throwleigh. Clerk to confirm that the parish fully support what needs to be done to restore the situation.

FINANCE: Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2011 have been audited by Helen Chapman and forwarded to the Audit Commission. As at 1st May balance of current account £2,633.51, reserve account £649.68 and emergency account £280.66. All systems have been set up by Hawthorne Accounting with HMRC. To pay: clerk's salary (3 months) £481.16 plus expenses £12.06 = £493.22 and Helen Chapman £45.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) Various correspondence with DALC regarding Parish Council representatives on DNPA. Confirmation received that subject to Secretary of State approval, John Shears (Chagford) and Derek Webber (Okehampton Hamlets) will represent West/Mid Devon.

(b) Various correspondence and corrected correspondence from DCC re. Commons Act, Land at parts of Wonson and North Wonson.

- (c) Further correspondence from DNPA, agenda etc., re. Parish Council Planning Workshop on 14th July and supporting documentation.
- (d) WDBC amendment to Register of Electors.
- (e) Various emails from Paul Evans, Community Action North Devon Org. re cleaning and cooking assistance at Throwleigh Centre.
- (f) WDBC. Devon County Council grass cutting – reduction in service and amendment to 4 cuttings per year.
- (g) DNPA – Local Development Framework. Notification of publication date of 1st July and consultation events in July.
- (h) Notification re. grants and courses for farmers and smallholders to build their own websites.
- (j) WDBC – West Devon Town and Parish Council Voice. Various proposals for a greater voice of Parish and Town Councils to be discussed at next round of Link Committees. Further letter received re. Link representative to sit on Forum to be considered.

REPORTS:

- (1) DNPA Agenda and Notes of Forum Meeting held on 27th May.
- (2) Eastern Parishes Link Police Reports.
- (3) West Devon Local Development Core Strategy Development Plan and Local Plan Review. Available for inspection.

PARISH MATTERS: None

ROADS:

Correspondence between Cllr. James McInnes and the Chair re. snow clearance. Confirmation that Cllr. McInnes will attend the next p.c. meeting in September.

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION: Reminder to review Cllrs'. comments on draft planning document at September meeting so that observations, if any, can be sent to meet 23rd September deadline.

Next meeting: 5th September at 7.30 p.m.